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COUNTRY Austria REPORT

TOPIC Soviet Troops in Baden, Laxenburg, and Erbreichsdorf 25X1

EVALUATION PLACE OBTAINED 25X1

DATE OF CONTENT 25X1

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REMARKS 25X1

This is UNEVALUATED

1. Motor vehicles parking in front of the Batzenhäusl building on Stalin Ring in Baden (O 49/X 37) on 29 May 1954 included sedans 25X1
with drivers wearing black-bordered red epaulets, sedan 25X1
 with a civilian driver, and jeeps 25X1
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The building was guarded by a sentry wearing black-bordered red epaulets. Near noon, about 30 officers wearing red-bordered black epaulets with artillery insignia and air force service color, and about 200 soldiers wearing red-bordered black and black-bordered blue epaulets left the Kurhaus building on Stalin Ring. Regardless of their branches of service the men boarded motor vehicles including trucks 25X1
 with drivers wearing black-bordered blue epaulets, trucks 25X1
wearing red-bordered black epaulets with drivers 25X1
The trucks left toward Bad Vöslau (O 48/X 36) and toward Vienna. After about 10 minutes trucks 25X1
with drivers wearing red-bordered black epaulets, returned empty from the direction of Tribuswinkel (O 49/X 36). No motor vehicles, weapons or equipment were seen in the yard of the former Flak Kaserne on the road to Soos, which was guarded by a sentry wearing red-bordered black epaulets. 25X1
Motor vehicles observed at this installation included truck sedan 25X1
and bus with all drivers wearing red-bordered black epaulets, jeep with driver wearing red-bordered black epaulets and truck 25X1
Motor vehicles parked in the area of Helmentalhof (estate) included 23 trucks, 5 tank trucks, and 2 weapon carriers. This installation was guarded by sentries wearing red-bordered black and black-bordered black epaulets. Motor vehicles observed at the gate of the estate included jeep weapon carrier 25X1
and truck with drivers wearing black-bordered black epaulets and sedan with driver wearing blue-bordered black epaulets. 25X1
Motor vehicles observed in the area of the Doblhof castle included 4 trucks, 1 signal truck and 2 jeeps including jeep with driver wearing black-bordered black epaulets. The castle was guarded by a sentry wearing black-bordered black epaulets. Truck with driver wearing black-bordered black epaulets was seen entering the yard of the building at the intersection of Braun Strasse and Muehl Gasse. This building was guarded by a sentry wearing black-bordered black epaulets. 25X1
2. On 25 May 1954, an estimated 80 motor vehicles, most of them on jacks, were observed in the park of Laxenburg Castle which was guarded by a sentry wearing red-bordered black epaulets. Soldiers did maintenance work on several motor vehicles. Officers and motor vehicles observed at the gate of the installation

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included 2 majors wearing red-bordered black epaulets and 1 major wearing black-bordered red epaulets. Trucks [redacted] and jeeps [redacted] with drivers wearing red-bordered black epaulets [redacted] also observed there.²

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3. On 26 May 1954, 10 trucks [redacted] were observed in the area of Erbreichsdorf Castle (P 48/X 46) which was guarded by a sentry who wore red-bordered black epaulets. No motor traffic or military equipment was observed at the site. Part of the complement apparently was absent from the station. One major wearing black-bordered black epaulets entered building No 25 on Wiener Strasse. In the courtyard of this building stood three trucks [redacted] with driver wearing black-bordered black epaulets. The two long-wire antennas were in the same position as observed previously.³

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1. [redacted] Comment. Most of the motor-vehicle [redacted] from Baden belong to the Central Group of Forces. Of the trucks leaving the Kurhaus building on Stalin Ring at about noon, several were identified as air force vehicles and one truck was identified as belonging to the 23d AAA Div. The absence from the yard of the former Flak Kaserne of motor vehicles, weapons and equipment indicates that components of the units of the Central Group of Forces which are stationed there may have left the station for maneuvers or may have been rotated to a summer camp.

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2. [redacted] Comment. The 502d (US) Motor Trans Bn [redacted] of the Central Group of Forces is stationed at Laxenburg. The motor-vehicle [redacted] belong to the Central Group of Forces.

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3. [redacted] Comment. Truck [redacted] belongs to the Central Group of Forces [redacted] Components of the unit stationed at Erbreichsdorf have possibly been rotated to troop training grounds.

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